

GONE HENCE

John Robert Nicholas died Sunday morning at three o'clock from a complication of troubles from which he had been suffering for several years. He was born in this city, Oct. 18, 1876. Graduated from the High School here in 1896. He was a graduate also in Osteopathy and practiced here for some time. His parents were the late Philip and Mary Pearson Nicholas. The following brothers and sisters survive him: Mrs. Francis Domnitz and Mrs. Virgil Pearl of this city, a half-brother, B. F. Northcutt, of Beardstown, Ill., and two half-sisters, Mrs. Joseph Lampson and Mrs. T. H. Whitney, of Mexico.

Mr. Nicholas was a splendid citizen. He was a member of the Odd Fellows order, M.W.A. and K.L. of S. He was also a devoted member of the Christian Church. His pastor, Rev. W. A. Shulenberger, conducted the funeral from the church Tuesday afternoon, the funeral orders to which he belonged conducting a joint burial service at the grave.

The Message joins the community in extending sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Among those from a distance who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Northcutt, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Northcutt and Frank Northcutt of Beardstown, Ill., Mrs. Verdia Bowman of Kahoka, Mo., and Mr. Ori Smith of Elgin, Mo.

Fannie Freeman Hawkins was born at Spencersburg, Mo., October 29, 1849. Died Jan. 25, 1916. Her marriage to Dr. J. B. Hawkins was on August 15, 1869. To this union fourteen children were born. Nine preceded her to the grave, all dying in infancy. Besides her husband she is survived by five daughters: Mrs. W. E. West, Mexico, Mo.; Mrs. J. L. Andrews, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. A. A. Luckie, Montgomery City, Mo.; Mrs. W. T. Swinney, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. E. C. Byram, St. Louis. All of the daughters were present when their mother died.

Mrs. Hawkins will be greatly missed in church circles. She was a devoted Christian joining the Baptist church in 1868. She was also a member of Fitzhugh Lee Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy in this city and was active in all its work. Her family was one of the most prominent in Pike County. The parents were William Walter Freeman and Jemima Maze Freeman.

Funeral services were held at the home yesterday afternoon conducted by Rev. O. Olin Green, after which the body was taken to Frankford for burial.

Among those who were here to attend the funeral were Bonham E. Freeman of Hannibal, Mrs. J. A. Freeman of Columbia and Jesse Barnett of Vandalia.

Mrs. Cynthia E. Miller died Saturday evening of pneumonia at the home of Clay Patrick. She was 52 years old.

One son survives her who is in the U. S. Army, stationed in New Jersey. Two brothers survive her—Wm. Smith, Madison, Mo., and Oden Smith of Denver, Colo. Also nine sisters are left, as follows: Mrs. J. T. McBride, Mrs. John Anthony, Mrs. Laura Barnes, of Centralia. Mrs. J. W. McBride, Mrs. Lee Griggs, of Columbia; Mrs. Seth Little, of Parsons, Kansas; Mrs. Robert Overton, of California, and Mrs. C. P. Stratton, of this city.

The funeral was held at the Christian church Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. A. Shulenberger. Burial in Elmwood.

Mrs. Miller had lived in Mexico a long time and was highly beloved.

Rev. J. J. Hicks, pastor of the M. E. Church in Mexico from 1899 to 1903, died of appendicitis at Douglas, Wyoming, Jan. 9. This word came to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Botkin here last week, who were close friends of Mr. Hicks and his family.

Bro. Hicks was one of the most popular pastors Mexico ever had. He became a member of the church when a child. He was a student for six years at Northwestern University at

Chicago, and was a scholarly man and an able and faithful pastor.

The wife, who before her marriage was Miss Jessie C. Gulick of Maryville, Mo., and six children survive him. Many Mexico friends are pained to hear of his taking away.

Mrs. J. M. Savage died Jan. 17, 1916, at Calaway, Neb. She leaves her husband and four children to mourn her death. The death was very sudden. Before her marriage she was Miss Allie Farrah of Mexico, Mo., and daughter of Mrs. E. J. Farrah, who died at Rush Hill about eight years ago. She was a sister of W. W. Farrah of Mexico and Charlie Farrah who lives on the old farm south of Rush Hill.

Henry Waters, 92 years old, the oldest inmate at the County Infirmary, died Friday night. Funeral at the Infirmary Sunday. He was a native of Illinois. Had no known relatives.

MARTINSBURG NEWS.

Mrs. J. B. Holterman has returned from a visit with relatives in California, Mo.

Miss Helen Matthews spent Sunday in Wellsville is the guest of Miss Agnes Travis.

Miss Edna Coons of Moberly, was the guest of Miss Mildred Stephens, Sunday.

Bartley Trvin of Benton City was the guest of friends here, Sunday.

H. P. French was in St. Louis on business a few days this week.

C. T. Peyton transacted business in Mexico, Thursday.

Tony Holterman of Moberly is home for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stuart of Ladonia, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Friedman.

R. W. Taylor and wife have returned from a business trip to Runnels, Iowa.

Lowell Williams visited friends in Wellsville, Sunday.

Miss Blanch Force of Kansas City is here to visit with Mrs. John Force.

Miss Rose Jacobi of St. Louis visited the Jacobi family here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Debo spent Sunday in Wellsville with Wm. Wallace.

Misses Celia and Josephine Bertels went to St. Louis this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Asbury and Miss Emma Hessler of Moberly and Miss Bertha Walker of Mexico were guests of Mrs. John Asbury Sunday.

A. H. Burchard of St. Louis is here visiting his family.

C. R. Wise of Wellsville was here on business Monday.

Misses Mayme Pihale and Marie Pike visited Miss Ella Black in Montgomery City the first of the week.

B. E. Freeman of the Freeman Printing Co. of Hannibal was here Tuesday to attend the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. J. B. Hawkins. He made the Message a most agreeable and much appreciated call. He's a thorough type man and an up-to-the-minute printer. He is a nephew of the Mayhalls at Ladonia and Bowling Green. He helped us out of several dumps.

Mrs. C. M. Riddel who is here to visit her brother, William Hill, of this city, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, has returned home to Iola, Kansas.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the many friends and Fraternal Orders for the attention, the words of sympathy, and the floral offerings during the illness and death of our brother, Robert Nicholas.

THE FAMILY.

Mrs. R. J. Jeffries was operated on last week for tumor. She is reported as getting along nicely.

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FARM and STOCK.

Approximately \$34,100,000 has been paid over at the National Stock Yards in East St. Louis since the war in Europe began for the purchase of horses by the Allies, according to an estimate made by C. T. Jones, president of the stock yards company.

J. F. Baker & Son of this county sold a consignment of lambs on the East St. Louis market last week @ \$10.65. The lambs averaged 74 lbs. each, and were a fine drove.

W. Jeff Woods bought a five year old mare Saturday from Les Williamson for \$185.

Mrs. L. J. Kennedy of Frankford, Mo., caponizes cockerels which she buys of her neighbors at 25 cents each, fattens them, then kills and dresses them ready for the oven and ships to Hannibal customers, getting \$2.50 each. She ships once a week this winter, and you can see she is making a good profit.

R. F. Fountain of Centralia last

week sold to Charlie Green for a St. Louis firm 104 mules for which he received a check for \$18,720. Fountain had fed the mules five months and he estimates that each mule cost him 30 cents per day for that time.

Mrs. Geo. L. Russell at Chilhowee, Mo., reports that she took down a profit of \$750 during the year 1915 from the eggs sold from 325 Leghorn hens. She ships her eggs to the big markets by express and receives from 3 to 4 cents more for them per dozen. She lives on a farm. Her success ought to wake Audrain farm women up.

Ten head of pure-bred and grade cows of the Holstein herd of the Missouri School for the Deaf at Fulton have been found to be afflicted with tuberculosis. They have been condemned and will be sent to St. Louis to be slaughtered. In October ten head of the same herd were found diseased and were slaughtered in St. Louis in one of the large packing plants.

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POWELL FORD.

All have enjoyed the sunshine after so much cold, bad weather.

W. D. Mason shipped 60 head of fat cattle to St. Louis last week.

Milford Berry shipped 25 head of young cattle to St. Louis last week.

M. N. Powell delivered some hogs to Earl Carter Tuesday of 1st week.

Misses Mabel, Ruth and Mildred Cook attended the wedding of their friend near Rush Hill Saturday night. Mr. McMurtry delivered hay in Mexico Monday.

Mr. Newberry purchased some corn of Wilkey Johnson.

Mrs. Walter Robertson of Hannibal was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Robertson of this vicinity last week.

NEWLY MARRIED

Mr. Clyde Shoup, one of Rush Hill's splendid young farmers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shoup of that neighborhood, and Miss Lillie Lower, the bright and charming daughter of Mrs. J. C. Lower, also of Rush Hill, a graduate of the Mexico High School, and who has been a teacher, were married Saturday afternoon at four o'clock at the bride's home, Rev. C. E. Dunkelberger, pastor of the Rush Hill Christian Church, officiating.

The groom has a new farm home prepared for his bride, and they are already settled down cozy as may be.

A fine young couple it is, and we wish them happiness, long life and prosperity.

The Day We Celebrate

February Third

Registering action on thrift by depositing a sum, however small, in this Institution is a start and establishes your part in celebration of the day. Employers, school teachers and parents are urged to co-operate in making our observance of the day memorable in the history of community progress.

An especial welcome is here. Every facility for the entry of deposits will be provided.

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North Mo. Trust Company

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

State of Missouri, County of Audrain, ss.
In the Circuit Court, March Term, 1916.

WILLIAM G. SIMS, Plaintiff,
vs.

The unknown heirs, assigns, devisees, donees, alienees, and immediate, mesne, remote, voluntary and involuntary grantees of Malinda Sullivan, deceased; of Gideon P. Williams, deceased; of Darius J. Skinner, deceased; of Emma L. Skinner, deceased; of Charles Rawlings, deceased; of J. F. Williams, deceased; of John Green, deceased; of Harvey McGee, deceased, and of Frances C. Gillispie, deceased.

Defendants.

State of Missouri to the unknown heirs of the above named defendants,

GREETING:—

Now on this January 25, 1916, comes the plaintiff by his Attorneys, Fry & Rodgers, and files with the undersigned Clerk of the Audrain County Circuit Court, in vacation, his petition duly verified by affidavit, wherein among other things plaintiff states that he is the owner in fee-simple and in possession as such owners of the following described lands in Audrain County, Missouri, to-wit:

The West fifty acres of the following described tract of land, to-wit:—Begin at the south-west corner of the North-West quarter of Section Six (6), Township Fifty (50), Range Eight (8) West, run thence East on the south line of said tract 43.86 chains to a stone, said stone being 5.83 chains west of the south-east corner of said tract, thence North 17.08 chains, keeping parallel to the east line of said tract, to a stone, thence south 86 degrees, 52' west, 46.37 chains to the west line of said tract; thence south on said west line 14.70 chains to the point of beginning. Also 80 acres, the north part of the west 1-2 of the southwest quarter of section 6, township 50, range 8 west.

That plaintiff and his prior grantors have been in open possession of said lands, claiming title to the same and paying the taxes on the same for the last thirty-one consecutive years, and that none of the defendants have been in possession of said lands or paid any taxes on the same, or claimed the same during any of that time. That the defendants, and each of them, claim or might claim and assert title to the said lands and such claims are adverse and prejudicial to the title and interest of this plaintiff in and to said real property.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays the Court to try, ascertain and determine the estate, title and interest of plaintiff and defendants of, in and to the said real estate hereinbefore described, and by its decree to adjudge, determine, settle, quiet and define the respective rights, titles, interests and estate of plaintiff and defendants to said real estate; and plaintiff further prays that the Court will find that he is the sole owner of said real estate.

It is further ordered that said unknown defendants be and appear in this Court on the first day of the next regular term thereof to be begun and holden at the Court House in the City of Mexico, County of Audrain, State of Missouri, on the 6th day of March, 1916, and on or before the first day of said term to answer or otherwise plead to said petition or in default thereof said petition will be taken as adjudged as aforesaid and judgment by default will be rendered against said defendants.

It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published at least once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Mexico Missouri Message, a weekly newspaper duly printed in the English language and circulated in said Audrain County, State of Missouri, and duly designated by plaintiff's attorneys as most likely to give notice to said defendants, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the commencement of said term of Court.

Witness my hand and official seal. Done at office in the City of Mexico, County and State aforesaid, this January 25, 1916.

(Seal.)

E. F. ELLIOTT, Clerk of the Au-

HARRISON LETTER.

We are glad to have all our sick pupils back at school.

W. P. Vance bought four cattle from W. A. Parks.

Weaver Pool and H. D. Loyd sold four yearling cattle to Alex Hannah.

Ed. Joltz will soon move into our midst.

H. D. Loyd has rented the Settle farm for another year.

Anna Francis Jones is sick, and Virgil Shuck is also sick.

Our road overseer is repairing the culverts this week.

Roy Vance is interested in the Centralia Business College.

W. P. Settle was a visitor in our vicinity last week.

Mighty bright lights were in some of our windows Sunday night. Some one must be sick.

Harrison Literary society is planning to have a play.

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STRAYED.

A sorrel horse, light mane and tail and crack in front hoof. About 8 years old. Notify C. A. Hopkins, Mexico, Mo.

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Mrs. P. C. Godderson is very much improved from her late serious illness.

J. P. Powell tells us he expects to be in the race for County Assessor. He's a mighty popular fellow and will have strong support.

Mrs. Emma Davidson fell on an icy street recently and suffered a badly bruised arm.

Robert Hook and D. W. Lake are to look after the Tom Hook farm near Mexico this year. Hustling fellows and they go after results.

drain County Circuit Court.

A true copy from the record.

Attent: E. F. ELLIOTT, Clerk.
Fry & Rodgers, Attorneys for Plaintiff.